GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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INTERNET FACILITY TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has decided to provide `free and unlimited` Internet facility to around 5000 colleges and universities across the country;

(b) if so, the time by which this facility is likely to be provided; and

(c) the extent to which this will meet the need for enhancing virtual academic infrastructure in the colleges and universities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 197 DATE 4.3.2003 ASKEDBY PROF.UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU, M.P. AND SHRI IQBALAHMED SARADGI, M.P. REGARDING INTERNET FACILITY TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

(a) to (c): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), it is proposed to assist the universities and colleges, which are eligible to receive Central assistance under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) of theUGC Act,1956, to get internet facility during the X Plan Period.

Internet connectivity is expected to provide support to teachers for lectures, access to journals and database, support for research and peer to peer connectivity across the country and the world.